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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO OAS RECALLED

REF: LA PAZ 5003

1. LA PAZ NEWSPAPER HOY (SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGAN), JULY 1, REPORTS BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS, FERNANDO ORTIZ SANZ, HAS BEEN DISMISSED AND RECALLED TO COUNTRY TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR ABSENCE DURING RECENT OAS HUMAN RIGHTS VOTE. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT WHILE NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YET MADE, IT IS COMING. EARLIER CRITICISM BY INDEPENDENT PRESS OF GOB'S ABSENCE RESULTED IN FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA CALLING FOR A WRITTEN REPORT ON REASONS FOR ABSENCE. ORTIZ THEN SENT A TELEGRAM TO LOCAL NEWS MEDIA PUBLISHED BY MAJOR PERIODICALS JUNE 30 IN WHICH HE ASSUMED FULL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS ABSENCE, WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS INSPIRED BY QUOTE NATIONAL EXPEDIENCY UNQUOTE. ORTIZ'S CABLE TO NEWS MEDIA ALSO INDICATED HE HAD CONVEYED HIS CONFIDENTIAL REASONS FOR ABSENCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER VIA CLASSIFIED NOTE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHAT LIES BEHIND THIS INCIDENT. OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THE LOCAL PRESS' QUICK AND CRITICAL REACTION TO BOLIVIA'S FAILURE TO STAND UP AND BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTED AT THE OAS ON HUMAN RIGHTS (SEE REFTTEL) AND THE GOB'S APPARENT SENSITIVITY TO SUCH CRITICISM, RESULTING IN ORTIZ'S RECALL. WHETHER THE GOB IN FACT DELIBERATELY CHOSE TO BE ABSENT IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT BETWEEN THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROPONENTS (INCLUDING THE USG) AND ITS SOUTHERN CONE NEIGHBORS IS STILL SPECULATION AT THIS POINT.
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